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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S INITIAL EFFORT AT SUGGEST-
ING THEMES FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. THEMES STRESS
COMMON BONDS IN US-ISRAELI RELATIONSHIP AND SPECIAL
NATURE OF THAT CONTINUING TIE; MAKE REFERENCE TO ESTABLISH-
MENT OF JOINT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FUND; AND PARTICULARLY
ADDRESS OFT-NOTED ISRAELI FEARS ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE
OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. IN THE LATTER CASE, WE
OFFER HASTILY DRAFTED LANGUAGE WHICH IS MEANT TO CONVEY
TONE OF KIND OF SPEECH WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD ELICIT
MOST POSITIVE ISRAELI RESPONSE.

2. WE SUGGEST SPEECH AVOID SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO AIR-
CRAFT PACKAGE, WHICH REMAINS A TENDER SUBJECT HERE.
ALSO CONSIDER IT WISE, GIVEN SENSIBILITIES HERE,
TO AVOID EMPHASIZING SADAT THE PEACEMAKER. IN OUR JUDG-
MENT, ONE REFERENCE TO SADAT IN JERUSALEM WILL SUFFICE.

3. BEGIN SUGGESTED THEMES:
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A. COINCIDENCE OF THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE 30TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF FOUNDING OF STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE US
FOURTH OF JULY.

A) SIGNIFICANT AND APPROPRIATE BECAUSE BOTH
COUNTRIES REPRESENT, IN THEIR CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT
THE FULFILLMENT OF A MORAL PURPOSE.

B) THE HISTORY OF MODERN ISRAEL HAS REPRESENTED

TO THE US A REAFFIRMATION OF ITS OWN MOST BASIC HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE: A PEOPLE FORGING ITS OWN DESTINY AS A NATION IN EXPRESSION OF MORAL PRINCIPLE.

C) HARRY TRUMAN FIRST GAVE PUBLIC AFFIRMATION OF THIS FUNDAMENTAL BOND IN HIS RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL THIRTY YEARS AGO, ONLY ELEVEN MINUTES AFTER THE STATE CAME INTO EXISTENCE.

D) WE ALSO SHARE MANY OTHER COMMON CHARACTERISTICS AND EXPERIENCES:

I) YOUTH, DYNAMISM, VIGOR

II) COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND INSTITUTIONS

III) IMPORTANCE OF THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE; BOTH COUNTRIES SERVING AS MELTING POTS FOR DISPARATE GROUPS ON THE BASIS OF SHARED IDEALISM.

IV) COMMITMENT TO THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL; A SHARED BELIEF THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE NATION IS DERIVED FROM THE FULL AND FREE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL PERSONALITY.

E) THIS SIMILARITY OF HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES AND OUR COMMON DEDICATION TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES ARE THE MODERN EXPRESSION OF OUR SHARED JUDEO-CHRISTIAN MORAL HERITAGE. IT IS THIS COMMONALITY OF FUNDAMENTALS WHICH DREW THE GREAT HUMANIST, MY TEACHER HUBERT HUMPHREY, TO A LIFE-LONG IDENTIFICATION WITH ISRAEL, AND TO A PRO-DUCTIVE DEDICATION TO ITS WELFARE.

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B. PART OF OUR COMMON HERITAGE IS OUR SHARED EMPHASIS ON THE VALUE OF LEARNING. THIS EMPHASIS HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN THE PAST THROUGH PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO SHARE EXPERTISE AND TO PROMOTE COOPERATION IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

A) IN 1956 IT LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES-ISRAEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION (USIEF); A FOUNDATION WHICH ENABLES US TO GRANT ANNUAL AWARDS BOTH FOR AMERICAN SCHOLARS TO VISIT ISRAEL AND FOR ISRAELI SCHOLARS TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES.

B) IN 1973 OUR TWO COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED THE BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (BSF).

C) IN 1976 OUR TWO COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED THE BINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (BIRD).

D) IN 1977 OUR TWO COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED THE BINATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION. (BARD).

E) WE DERIVE GREAT SATISFACTION FROM THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE CURRENTLY MAKING TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE THROUGH THESE FOUNDATIONS.

F) HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO INAUGURATE A PARALLEL

PROGRAM IN THE HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND CREATIVE ARTS.

G) TO THIS END, PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND I ANNOUNDED EARLIER TODAY THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS WOULD JOIN TOGETHER TO CREATE A QUOTE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY FUND END QUOTE FOR GREATLY EXPANDED EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES H) THIS FUND WOULD CONSIST OF FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS BY EACH GOVERNMENT, TOTALLING A SUM OF THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS TO MAKE THIS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE FOUNING OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

C. WE VIEW THE CREATION OF THIS FUND AS YET ANOTHER RE-AFFIRMATION OF THE BONDS WHICH TIE OUR TWO GREAT NATIONS TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. THIS SPECIAL TIE REMAINS AS STRONG AS EVER. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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HAS BEEN CALLED INTO QUESTION IN RECENT TIME BY THOSE WHO WOULD SEEK TO WEAKEN THEM. LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RAISED.

A) YOU'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT VIETNAM AND WATERGATE, THAT THESE EVENTS SAPPED AMERICA'S WILL TO ASSUME ITS ROLE AS PRINCIPAL DEFENDER OF THE WORLD'S DEMOCRACIES. THIS IS SIMPLY UNTRUE. WE MAY BE MORE CAUTIOUS NOW IN OUR DETERMINATION OF WHERE OUR CENTRAL INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES LIE. THIS CAUTION REFLECTS A NEW REALISM ABOUT OUR CAPACITY TO APPLY OUR STRENGTH IN ALL PLACES AT ALL TIMES, BUT IT DOES NOT IN ANY WAY SIGNAL A FAILURE OF AMERICAN WILL OR AN ABANDONMENT OF PARTNERS AND ALLIES. ISRAEL IS ONE SUCH ALLY AND A VERY SPECIAL ONE AT THAT. THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL REMAINS AS STRONG AS EVER. THE AMERICAN CONSCIENCE DEMANDS THIS; OUR NATIONAL INTEREST REQUIRES IT.

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B) WHILE I'M ON THE AMERICAN TIE TO ISRAEL, I WOULD LIKE TO REFUTE THE BASELESS CLAIM THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SEEKING TO ACHIEVE FOR ISRAEL A FUTURE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN A WAY WHICH WOULD REDUCE ISRAEL'S BASIC ABILITY TO PROTECT ITSELF. THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT OUR INTENTION, NOR OUR PERCEPTION OF ISRAEL'S REQUIREMENTS. DESPITE ITS STURDY AND PROVEN ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIPS, THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE MAINTAINS THE CAPABILITY TO DEFEND ITSELF. THE SAME SHOULD BE, MUST BE, TRUE OF ISRAEL. THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL CONTINUE TO INVOLVE DIFFICULT DECISIONS FOR ALL PARTIES. AND THE CHOICES FOR ISRAEL MAY BE PARTICULARLY HARD, AND AT TIMES PAINFUL. BE ASSURED, HOWEVER, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NEVER EXPECT ISRAEL TO TAKE RISKS THAT WE OURSELVES WOULD BE UNWILLING TO TAKE. FURTHERMORE, THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL NEVER--AND I REPEAT MY PLEDGE OF OVER A YEAR'S STANDING -- RESORT TO THE USE OF ARMS TRANSFERS AS A MEANS OF INFLUENCING ISRAELI POLICY DECISIONS.

C) LET ME NOW SAY SOMETHING ABOUT AMERICAN NATIONAL INTERESTS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. SOME SAY THE UNITED STATES IS SO DEPENDENT ON ARAB OIL THAT WE WILL LEAVE OUR PRINCIPLES BEHIND, ABANDON ISRAEL IN PURSUIT OF THE GASOLINE PUMP. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE DID NOT DO THAT IN 1973. WE WILL NOT DO THAT NOW. WE WILL NEVER DO THAT.

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D) LET US PUT THE QUESTION DIFFERENTLY, MORE SERIOUSLY, AND I BELIEVE, MORE ACUTELY. IS THERE SOMETHING INHERENTLY INCONSISTENT IN THE UNITED STATES SUSTAINING ITS UNSHAKEABLE COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL AND AT THE SAME TIME SUPPORTING MODERATE NATIONS IN THE ARAB WORLD, SOME OF WHICH HAPPEN ALSO TO BE MAJOR OIL PRODUCERS? I THINK NOT; THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO INCONSISTENCY HERE. IN FACT, THE CONTRARY IS TRUE. LET ME TELL YOU WHY.

E) SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE READ PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH EARLIER LAST MONTH AT THE US NAVAL ACADEMY. THE PRESIDENT SPOKE OF AMERICA'S DETERMINATION TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO MEET THE GLOBAL SOVIET CHALLENGE, IN EUROPE, IN ASIA, IN AFRICA...AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT HOW DO WE DO THAT? I WOULD SUBMIT BY BOLSTERING THOSE REGIMES WHICH ARE RESISTING PERNICIOUS AND DESTABILIZING EXTERNAL INFLUENCES IN THEIR AFFAIRS. WOULD IT NOT BE FOOLHARDY TO DO NOTHING TO ASSIST THOSE MIDDLE EASTERN NATIONS WHICH ARE DETERMINED

TO FIND THEIR FUTURES FREE FROM EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE? I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THIS RESPECT THAT THE MIDDLE EAST IN TEN YEARS TIME NEED RESEMBLE THE REGION OF TODAY. IF PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED, IS NOT ISRAEL'S PLACE IN THIS AREA ALONGSIDE THOSE ARAB STATES WHICH ESCHEW THE RADICAL, EVEN THE REVOLUTIONARY PATH? IS THERE NOT A JOINT INTEREST ON THE PART OF ALL MODERATE NATIONS IN THE REGION TO STABILIZE THE MIDDLE EAST, TO PROMOTE ITS PROSPERITY AND NOT ITS POLITICAL DIVISIONS?

F) WE FEEL THAT THIS SORT OF SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HER MODERATE ARAB NEIGHBORS IS NECESSARY FOR THE EVOLUTION OF A PEACEFUL AND STABLE MIDDLE EAST AND TO THE FUTURE SECURITY OF ISRAEL. FORTUNATELY, WE HAVE REASON TO HOPE SUCH COOPERATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HER NEIGHBORS CAN BEGIN TO DEVELOP BASED UPON A COMMONALITY OF INTERESTS WHICH EXISTS AMONG THESE NATIONS AND UPON THE CONCLUSION
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OF A JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE IN THE REGION.

G) WHAT IS THERE THAT GIVES CAUSE FOR THIS OPTIMISM TODAY? FIRST, THERE ARE THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN AFTER THE 1973 WAR WHICH REMAIN INTACT TODAY. SECOND, WE HAVE SEEN THE RISE OF LEADERS IN THE ARAB WORLD WHO ACCEPT ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AND ARE WILLING TO TALK PEACE WITH ISRAEL, AS ISRAELI LEADERS HAVE ASKED THEM TO DO FOR DECADES PAST. THIRD, WE ALL WITNESSED ANWAR SADAT'S VISIT TO THIS CITY SEVEN MONTHS AGO AND THE SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH REFLECTED IN THAT VISIT AND IN THE WARM WELCOME HE RECEIVED FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, FROM YOUR PRIME MINISTER AND FROM THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL. THE VISIT GAVE RENEWED HOPE AND MOMENTUM TO THE CURRENT PEACE PROCESS. D. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE TASK OF FINDING A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE REGION. OUR EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD HAVE NEVER DIMINISHED AND WILL NEVER DIMINISH UNTIL A PERMANENT PEACE IS WON FOR ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED. ALL PARTIES IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE MODERATE FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. COMPROMISE, WE MAINTAIN, NEED NOT CARRY A PRICE OF SECURITY. THIS IS NOT THE CHOICE FACING ISRAEL. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THERE IS A MIDDLE PATH, MARKED BY COMPROMISE AND SECURITY.

E. TO ADD BIT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, WE SUGGEST THAT A REVIEW BE MADE OF THE US/ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP TO IDENTIFY DECISIONS AND STEPS (E.G., ACCEPTANCE OF PARTITION PLAN, SINAI II) WHICH WERE DIFFICULT, EVEN AGONIZING FOR THE ISRAELIS AT THE TIME THEY WERE TAKEN, BUT LATER TURNED OUT CLEARLY TO BE IN ISRAEL'S BEST INTEREST. THESE MIGHT BE MOMENTS IN WHICH US-ISRAELI TENSIONS WERE HIGH, BUT WHICH PRECEDED PERIODS OF RENEWED AGREEMENT AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THOSE TREADING

THIS MINEFIELD MUST TAKE CARE, BUT WE HOPE THE POINT CAN
BE MADE THAT BILATERAL STRESS HASN'T LASTED ALL THAT LONG
WHEN IT HAS OCCURRED DURING THESE 30 YEARS AND THAT THE
RELATIONSHIP HAS ALWAYS RECOVERED FROM THESE BOUTS OF
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DISAGREEMENT WITH RENEWED VITALITY AND STRENGTH.
END SUGGESTED THEMES.

4. AS DRAFTING OF SPEECH PROGRESSES, WE WOULD BE PLEASED
TO OFFER OUR COMMENTS IF WASHINGTON WOULD FIND THAT USEFUL.
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